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RE: Invention: Tong Assembly  
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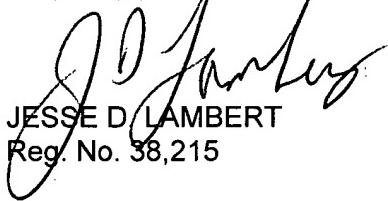
Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find a Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 7, 2005. Applicant believes that no additional fees are now due.

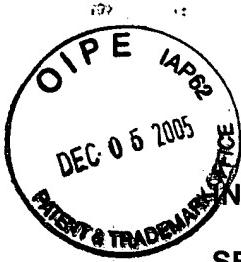
Also enclosed is a self-addressed and stamped postcard. Upon receipt of the above referenced document by the mail room, please date stamp the postcard and return mail it to me. Please direct all office actions and other correspondence concerning this application to me at the address indicated above.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of November 7, 2005. A shortened statutory period for response expires one month or 30 days (whichever is longer) from the date of said Notice, on December 7, 2005. This response is made November 29, 2005 by the Certificate of Mailing procedure provided for in Rule 1.8 and is therefore timely.